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Subject: RE: Year-End Follow-Up (for Howard's assessment)

Stephanie-EPR's responses. Let us know if you need more info or clarifications.

Upper Animas Superfund Site

The Superfund Remedial and Removal Programs continued their collaboration with the Animas River Stakeholders Group (ARSG) meeting with them regularly throughout the year. On June 20th, the EPA, BLM and CDPHE co-sponsored a public forum with the community to discuss progress on projects conducted by the agencies and by ARSG. On February 12th, the EPA and BLM completed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between the two agencies at the Upper Animas Mining District site.

Nutrient Progress Accomplishments:

- Ag. outreach – Hosted an EPA/State/NRCS joint meeting to discuss agency collaboration in addressing nonpoint source nutrient pollution and identified areas where priority setting and funding could be leveraged across organizations to effect greater restoration and efficiencies.
- Numeric Water Quality Standards - The Region has made significant investments in supporting the development of numeric nutrient water quality standards in CO, MT, and UT. CO adopted numeric criteria and these are under review in the Region. MT plans to initiate rulemaking on Dec. 6. In UT, EPA is assisting the State in deriving numeric criteria and addressing nonpoint nutrient loads.
- Progress in nutrient strategy development and nutrient controls in other states: providing field and analytical support to assist WY to develop numeric nutrient criteria for lakes; assisting UT in the development of a statewide nutrient strategy aimed at reducing point source nutrient loads through technology-based effluent limits; providing technical and financial support to ND in support of their stakeholder process to develop a statewide nutrient management plan; developed a GIS-based tool for SD identifying areas of excessive nutrient loading and potential impairment.

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TMDL Accomplishments:

150 TMDL approval commitment, approved 306 largest number of watershed-scale TMDLs our program has ever completed in a single fiscal year.

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Sandy,

Per our discussion, if you could help me collect accomplishments / progress for the following 2 items for Howard's year-end assessment, I would appreciate it. By the end of this week (Fri, 10/25) would be helpful. I don't need anything lengthy – just a summary sentence or two.

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Provide leadership in the coordination efforts between the Region and other

partners (BLM, CDPHE), to work with stakeholders and the community to develop a path forward at the Las Animas Superfund Site.

- Lead the engagement of the Agricultural community and the Region 8 States to develop and implement nutrient strategies, nutrient standards, and best management practices in coordination with Agency direction, guidance and policy.

- *Also (more FYI, because I know she is already working on it) – I asked Nicole to confirm the 9/30/13 TMDL number (KPI: Number of TMDLs that are established or approved by EPA). We are currently reporting 245 (target 150), but I received a note from Julie DalSoglio that EPA approved 282 TMDLs just in Montana for the year.*

Thank you,

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